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BURMESE FOREIGN MINISTER MISLEADING ON UN COMPLAINT

In a 6 April conversation with Ambassador Sebald in Rangoon, Burma's acting Foreign Minister stated that his government was seeking a way to postpone UN discussion of Burma's complaint against Taipei or even to remove it from the General Assembly agenda. He explained that he and other Burmese leaders feared that the UN discussion might push "Burma closer to the Communist Bloc" without solving the Nationalist troop problem.

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Comment: While the Foreign Minister's statement to Sebald probably describes Burma's basic attitude towards its UN appeal, [redacted] dissatisfaction with the present American position. This position was set forth in a State Department cable to Sebald on 4 April and refused a Burmese request that the US assume virtual full responsibility for removing the Chinese Nationalist troops from Burma.

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